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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 30th April 1957.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, the Temporary Speaker (THE HON. SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I.—SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS.

TEMPORARY SPEAKER (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) : The first item on the agenda to-day is "Swearing-in of Members". Practically all the Members have either sworn or affirmed their allegiance to the Constitution as required by law. There are only four more Members who have not done so and if they are present here they will make their oath or affirmation now, as otherwise, they will not be entitled to vote in the Speaker's election.

Sri N. K. Palanisamy was sworn in.

II.—ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

TEMPORARY SPEAKER (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) : All the hon. Members present here have been sworn in.

I now proceed to the next item on the agenda, viz., "the election of the Speaker under Article 178 of the Constitution of India". Nominations for this office have already taken place. Under Rule 12 (4) of the Madras Assembly Rules, I have first to read out to the Assembly the names of the Members who have been duly nominated for the Speakership, together with those of their proposers and seconders. They are—

Member nominated.	*Proposer.*	*Seconder.*
Sri M. Jagannathan.	**Sri K. Ramachandran.**	**Sri M. Muni Reddi.**
Dr. U. Krishna Rau.	**Sri C. Subramaniam.**	**Sri C. R. Ramaswami.**
Dr. U. Krishna Rau.	**Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.**	**Sri K. S. G. Haja Shereeff.**

As more than one Member has been duly nominated, the Assembly will now proceed under sub-rules (4) to (7) of rule 12 of the Madras Assembly Rules to elect a Speaker by ballot. Two cubicles have been provided to enable hon. Members to record their votes.

I have directed the Secretary to call the Members according to the order in which their names appear in the alphabetical list. To keep order in the Assembly Chamber and to avoid suspicion

that canvassing is going on within the House, hon. Members are requested to remain in their places and go to the Secretary's seat as they are called.

As each Member approaches the Secretary's seat, he will be handed a ballot paper. After getting his ballot paper, each Member is requested to go into one of the cubicles, record his vote by placing a cross-mark against the name of the candidate he desires to vote for and after doing so, deposit his ballot paper in the ballot box provided for the purpose on the Secretary's table and return to his seat.

Hon. Members are also requested to avoid talking either before or after voting so that the secrecy of the ballot may be preserved.

I will also explain in Tamil the procedure to be followed.

சபாநாயகரின் இரு பக்கங்களிலும், இரண்டு சிறிய அறைகள் வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. காரியதரிசியானவர். சட்ட சபை அங்கத்தினர்கள் பட்டியலிலுள்ள வரிசைப்படி கனம் அங்கத்தினர்களை ஒவ்வொருவராக அழைப்பார். அப்படி அழைக்கப்பட்ட அங்கத்தினர், அவரது மேஜைக்கு அருகில் வந்தவுடன் அவருக்கு ஒரு ஓட்டு சீட்டு கொடுக்கப்படும். பிறகு எந்தச் சிறிய அறை அவரவருக்குச் சமீபத்தில் இருக்கிறதோ, அதற்குள் சென்று, வோட்டுச் சீட்டில் அச்சடிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் பெயர்களில், அவரவருக்கு விருப்பமான ஏதாவது ஒரு பெயருக்கு எதிரில், சந்தேகத்திற்கிடமில்லாமல் ஒரு பெருக்கல் குறி இடவேண்டும். பிறகு, அந்தச் சிறிய அறையிலேயே, யாருக்கு வோட்டு இடப்பட்டிருக்கிறதென்பது தெரியாமலிருக்கும்படி வோட்டுச் சீட்டை நன்ருக மடித்து எடுத்துக்கொண்டு வந்து, காரியதரிசியின் மேஜை மேலிருக்கும் வோட்டுப் பெட்டியில் போட்ட பிறகு அவரவர் இடத்தில் அமர்ந்து கொள்ளலாம்.

வோட்டெடுப்பு நடக்கும்பொழுது, காரியதரிசி கூப்பிடும்வரை, கனம் அங்கத்தினர்கள் அபேட்சகர்களின் சார்பில் சபையினுள்ளேயே ஆதரவு தேடப்படுகிறது என்ற சந்தேகம் சிறிதும் ஏற்படாமலிருப்பதற்காக, அவரவரிடத்தில் உட்கார்ந்திருக்கவேண்டுமென்று கோரப்படுகிருர்கள்.

வோட்டளிக்கு முன்பும், வோட்டளித்த பிறகும், வோட்டளிப்பின் இரகசியம் காப்பாற்றப்படவேண்டும் என்பதையும் கனம் அங்கத்தினர்களின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வர விரும்புகிறேன்.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI: Sir, with your permission, may I raise a point of order? I wish to know whether the swearing-in of the hon. Member Sri N. R. Thiagarajan is in order. He swore in the name of Gandhiji, which is not provided for in the Constitution.

TEMPORARY SPEAKER (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU): I called the hon. Member to my chamber and therein he has taken the oath again. Not only Sri N. R. Thiagarajan but also Sri T. V. Sannasi has not taken the oath, according to the Constitution. So I called them to-day to my chamber, and they have taken the oath, according to the Constitution, in my chamber just before 11 o'clock [a].

Now I call upon the Secretary to call out the names of hon. Members.

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[a] See also Appendix on page 33 infra.

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The Assistant Secretary then called out the names of the hon. Members in the alphabetical order and voting was proceeded with.

TEMPORARY SPEAKER (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) : I propose to exercise my vote. I cannot leave the Chair and go into the cubicle. So, I request the House to permit me to mark my ballot paper from my seat. The secrecy of the ballot will, however, be maintained.

The Temporary Speaker then marked the ballot paper, which was deposited by the Secretary into the box in front of him.

TEMPORARY SPEAKER (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) : Before I appoint the Tellers and the Secretary starts counting, I wish to know whether there are any Members who have not voted. If there are any, they may exercise their votes now.

No hon. Member came up.

TEMPORARY SPEAKER (SRI B. BAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) : The counting of the ballot papers will now commence. I appoint Sri P. G. Karuthiruman and Sri M. Kalyanasundaram as Tellers.

Votes were then counted, the Tellers approached the Chair and presented the figures, arrived at by the counting of votes, to the Temporary Speaker.

TEMPORARY SPEAKER : (SRI B. BHAKTAVATSALU NAIDU) : Dr. U. Krishna Rau has secured 148 votes and Sri M. Jagannathan has secured 44 votes. One vote is invalid.

I declare that Dr. U. Krishna Rau has been duly elected Speaker of this Assembly. (Applause.)

It only remains for me to tender to the Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rau my sincere congratulations on his election, and I call upon him to occupy the Speaker's Chair. When the Hon. the Speaker goes to occupy the Chair, I request all hon. Members to stand up and resume their seats only after the Speaker has taken his seat. Now, I call upon the Leader of the House and Sri V. K. Ramaswami Mudaliyar to conduct Dr. U. Krishna Rau to the Chair.

Then the Hon. the Leader of the House and Sri V. K. Ramaswami Mudaliyar conducted Dr. U. Krishna Rau to the Chair. As the Temporary Speaker was vacating the Chair, he shook hands with Dr. U. Krishna Rao and wished him the best of luck.

DR. U. KRISHNA RAU : உங்களெல்லோருக்கும் நன்றிகலந்த வணக்கம். நீங்கள் உட்கார்ந்துகொள்ளலாம்.

The Speaker then took his seat amidst cheers.